

RAILROADS WIN IN FIGHT FOR \$700,000,000 PRIZE

Supreme Court Rules That Oil Lands Cannot Revert to Government

TERMS ROUND MOUNTAIN COMPROMISE SET FORTH BY PRESIDENT JAS. R. DAVIS IN CIRCULAR ISSUED TO STOCKHOLDERS

The prediction that the Round Mountain Mining company would have the largest acreage of any mining company in Nevada by acquiring the property of the Sphinx Round Mountain Mining company is borne out by the statement just issued by James R. Davis, president and manager. The actual area will embrace 797 acres. The same circular states the amount paid the Sphinx in settlement of the litigation was 175,000 shares of the Round Mountain Mining company and \$20,000 cash, making the payment approximately \$90,000 at the quotations prevailing at the time of the settlement. The capitalization will be increased from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 shares.

THOS. G. LOCKHART DIED SATURDAY AT LOS ANGELES

PIONEER OF TONOPAH AND
GOLDFIELD PASSES AWAY
FROM PNEUMONIA.

Following an illness of but one day's duration, Thomas G. Lockhart, a famous figure in the mining history of the west and discoverer of the Tonopah Extension mine in Tonopah, died Saturday night at his home at 1245 Van Ness avenue, Los Angeles. He was 64 years old and had figured conspicuously in the mining world in Colorado, Nevada and California. He was a partner of A. D. Parker, vice-president of the Colorado Southern railroad, in the ownership of the Florence mine at Goldfield.

Lockhart was stricken with pneumonia Thursday while in Bakersfield. He was hurried to his home, but death came twenty-four hours after the first attack. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. He is survived by a widow and two sons, George Lockhart, of Oakland, and Harry Lockhart, of New York, and one daughter, the wife of Capt. G. C. Rockwell, U. S. A.

Born in New Jersey, Thomas G. Lockhart came west when a young man and obtained a position as a brakeman on the Union Pacific railroad. The lure of mining caused him to quit railroad work and more than thirty years ago he began his career as a mining man. Soon after he became a prospector, Lockhart formed a partnership with A. D. Parker, of Denver, Colo., vice-president of the Colorado Southern railroad and president of the Florence Goldfield Mining company. It was agreed that Parker was to furnish the money and Lockhart to search for a mine. Both fulfilled their agreement faithfully but were not rewarded, the former for his outlay and the latter for his efforts, until Tonopah was struck. At that time Lockhart was prospecting in the vicinity of Pioche, Nevada. He joined the stampede to the strike and located the Tonopah Extension mine, which he soon afterward sold to John V. McKane and Charles Schwab.

Soon after the discovery of Goldfield, Lockhart bought the Florence Goldfield for Parker and himself. The investment made both of them independently rich, paying dividends aggregating \$840,000. It is said that neither Parker nor Lockhart ever sold a share of their stock in the Florence mine. Several years ago, Lockhart removed his family to Los Angeles and embarked in oil speculation, where he is said to have sunk a good deal of money.

In Goldfield Lockhart located the Vinegarone fraction, which he merged with the Jumbo Extension and sold his interest recently. When the Nye and Ormsby County bank closed its doors Lockhart was appointed receiver and held that position for two years without salary.

BOY COMES AT MIDNIGHT TO THE REVERT FAMILY

An eight-pound boy was ushered into the household of Paul Revert this morning at 12:30 o'clock. This is the first born and the pupa is going around stepping a trifle higher than he did yesterday or the day before. Dr. McLeod says the mother is making fine progress.

Proof of labor blanks for sale at the Bonanza.

The circular goes into details of the settlement as follows:

"During the year ending March 31st, 1914, we acquired by purchase and location approximately 319.14 acres of mining ground. We also have an option to purchase the Sunnyside Extension group of claims containing about 87.15 acres; and on June 15th, 1914, we entered into an agreement to purchase the Sphinx Mining company's property containing 46 acres. The agreement with the Sphinx company provides for the sale of their property to us, and the release and dismissal of all litigation in consideration of 175,000 shares Round Mountain Mining company stock and \$20,000 cash. When the Sphinx and Sunnyside Extension deals are closed (about August 1st, 1914) our company will have a total of approximately 797 acres of mining ground in the Round Mountain district, and plans are now being formulated which will result in greatly enlarging the scope of the company's operations.

"In addition to the mining property acquired, we have also secured an option to purchase the Jett canyon water, and it is our present intention to pipe this water to Round Mountain for use in our placer mining and milling operations.

"When the stock is issued in payment of property as now contemplated, together with that already issued for property heretofore taken over, the total issued and outstanding stock will be 1,087,519 shares, leaving unissued and in the treasury 412,481 shares."

BOYS HAVE VERY NARROW ESCAPE IN THE HUMBOLDT

TREACHEROUS RIVER NEARLY
CLAIMS FOUR MORE YOUNG
VICTIMS.

Four boys, full grown or almost, had a narrow escape from drowning in the Humboldt river at the bridge, says the Humboldt Star.

Several boys were swimming at the bridge. Arthur Lillie crossed from the west bank to the middle pier of the bridge and rested there. Norman Bell started to cross, but in the swift current was soon exhausted and was apparently in danger of drowning. Lillie plunged in to his rescue and was able to help him keep his head above water. Lillie, in his heroic struggle, trying in vain to reach the bank, soon became exhausted, and the two boys were carried down stream. Many times they both went under and there seemed little hope for them until they reached the sandbar. Here they were able to rest a few seconds and then went out.

Harold Gunnell became exhausted within a few feet of the bank and went under two or three times. Frank Frazier jumped into help him and Gunnell grabbed hold of him and pulled him under. Several times Frazier came to the surface, the top of his head showing, but before he could get his face out of the water to get his breath he was pulled under again.

When the seriousness of the situation became apparent some one ran to Hoskins' stable for a rope and returned with it barely in time to rescue Gunnell and Frazier.

MRS. JESSE GRANT WANTS MORE COIN FROM SPOUSE

NEW YORK, June 22.—Mrs. Elizabeth R. Grant in the supreme court today named her husband, Jesse R. Grant, defendant in a suit to compel the trustee under the will of Jesse Grant's mother, to pay her a sufficient sum to support her in a manner befitting her husband's social and financial status.

Intermountain Rule Upheld

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 22.—The supreme court reversed the commerce court and upheld the intermountain rate order of interstate commerce commission.

MEDIATORS MEET OPPOSITION FROM BOTH SIDES

WILL TRY ONCE MORE TO BRING
RIVAL CLAIMANTS
TOGETHER.

(By Associated Press.)
NIAGARA FALLS, June 22.—The United States government has invited representatives of Carranza and Huerta to meet at an informal conference here with the hope of bringing about the pacification of Mexico. The Huerta delegates informed the Americans through the mediators they were willing to deal with it in a constitutional way.

NIAGARA FALLS, June 22.—Actual negotiations between representatives of the two fighting factions in Mexico in an effort to agree on an individual for provisional presidency began this morning.

The latest plan the mediators evolved for a solution of the Mexican problem consists of informal parleys between representatives of the two factions, outside of the formal mediation proceedings, but with the advice of American delegates, who object to the new plan. This move was adopted as a last resort, after every effort to get the constitutionalists to agree on an armistice had failed.

The appeal that is said to have influenced both factions was that the Mexicans themselves must save their country from further spoliation and bloodshed, each making certain sacrifices.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Three new representatives of the constitutionalists, said to have the approval of Carranza and Villa, are Fernando Calderon, Leopoldo Espenosa and Alfredo Brea. They are expected here Wednesday.

TORREON, June 22.—Villa today denied the report that he named Angeles for provisional president.

CEMETERY FILLED WITH BODIES OF KILLED MINERS

FIFTY BODIES TAKEN FROM ONE
TUNNEL OF THE HILL-
CREST.

(By Associated Press.)
HILLCREST, Alberta, June 22.—The discovery of fifty bodies in one tunnel in Mine 20 of the Hillcrest collieries brought total recovered dead today to 181 as a result of the explosion Friday. Eighty gravediggers are working in the little mountainside cemetery just outside the village, and by night it is expected that the greater part of the former male population of this mining colony will be resting there.

MINE OPERATORS COMPLAIN AGAINST POWER COMPANY

A complaint has been received by the Public Service commission from the Tonopah Miners' Hospital association against the Nevada-California Power company, alleging unreasonable delay in assessing the 10 per cent penalty charge on electric light bill for which check was issued on the 10th of the month following period for which money was due, the company claiming that check had been received until the 11th or 12th, and that therefore the penalty charge must be assessed.

FOURTEEN YEARS TOO LATE TO CLAIM ALMOST A BILLION DOLLARS OF LANDS THAT SHOULD BE OWNED BY THE PEOPLE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 22.—The transcontinental railroads won their fight for title to \$700,000,000 worth of California oil lands when the supreme court held void the clause in the patents making the land revert to the government if found to contain minerals.

DEATH OF PIONEER WOMAN AGED 81 YEARS WHO DROVE FROM ILLINOIS TO AUSTIN BY MULE TEAM AT CLOSE OF WAR

Mrs. Nancy Humphreys, relict of the late W. C. Humphreys, county commissioner, and mother of a circle of well-known people residing in various parts of the state, died yesterday morning at Carson City and will be buried in Tonopah. The cause of death was heart failure. Deceased was 81 years of age.

Mrs. Humphreys was born in Illinois October 5, 1833, and came to Nevada following the overland route behind a four-mule team, landing at Austin in 1865. The following year she married Mr. Humphreys and lived continuously in Nye county ever since. Her residence for the last eight years has been at Manhattan, where she left four weeks ago accompanied by her granddaughter, Della Gilbert, for the purpose of having an operation performed on her eyes, the sight of which had been steadily failing.

The body will be brought here tomorrow morning, accompanied by Frank and Mrs. Richards, Carl Humphrey and Mrs. Frank Thorn, and taken to the Gilbert residence, where they may be seen until Wednesday afternoon, when they will be removed to the Masonic hall. Exercises will be held at 3 o'clock, after which the body will be borne to the new cemetery for interment beside the former husband. Mr. Humphrey was buried in the old cemetery, but the casket containing the body will be exhumed and removed to the new cemetery, where a double grave will be dug permitting the aged couple to lie side by side. Five children were born of the marriage—Frank, John and Charles Humphreys, Mrs. Mary Richardson, of Manhattan, and Mrs. Robert Gilbert, of Tonopah.

Rev. J. M. Swander will officiate at the funeral exercises, which will be under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which organization both Mrs. Humphreys and her husband were members.

WIFE DIVORCED AND WEDDED IN THE COURSE OF WEEK

Announcements from Los Angeles received today furnished a surprise for friends of a couple of young people who proved quite popular in local circles. The cards contained a statement of the marriage of Mrs. Frank Hill to Fred M. Crill, the gallant young auctioneer who spent a couple of weeks in the camp last month. The divorce was granted by the local district court last Wednesday and the ink was scarcely dry on the paper when the released matron made preparations to meet her new choice in the southern city.

INYO COUNTY BOY KILLED BY FREIGHT AT IMLAY

Jesse Gibson was run over by a freight train near Imlay, Nevada, last Friday night. The unfortunate man was a son of James Gibson, who with his family lived at Laws, and who was the builder of the Bishop-Goldfield toll road across the White mountains. Jesse was about 20 years old. It was he who at one time had word telegraphed to his father here that he had died in Tonopah. When the father went to Tonopah instead of sending money for burial, his son was one of the first persons he met there.—Inyo Register.

TAKES HER BABIES TO IDAHO TO LIVE WITH HER SISTER

Mrs. Roberts, who left Saturday morning with her four children, decided to take them to her sister in Buol, Idaho, where she will remain. The mother could not bear the thought of separation.

Fourth of July Committees

All committees of the Fourth of July celebration are urged to attend the meeting, called for this evening at Harry Epstein's office. Final reports will be received and the last apportionment of funds arranged. It is specially requested that every chairman be prepared with a statement of the events in his work with allotment of prizes, as the committee desires to secure the details of the program for the printer.

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The court held that the patents were irregular, but could not be attacked collaterally by other claimants, but could only be set aside by direct attack by the government.

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The decision was in the case brought by Edmund Burke, of California, who claimed the right to lands now held by the Southern Pacific, on the ground that they should revert to the government because oil had been found after the issue of patent to the railroads. As all transcontinental lines have similar lands they came into the proceedings.

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RANGE WAR ENDS WITH KILLING OF A SHEEP HERDER

BATTLE FOR RANGE RIGHTS RESULTS IN SLAUGHTER OF A FLOCK.

(By Associated Press.)
GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 22.—News of a battle between sheepmen and cattlemen, with one man reported killed and two seriously wounded, was telephoned from Wahkiakus today. The sheriff, deputies and physicians rushed to the scene in automobiles. The man dead was a sheep herder. He was called from his tent at night and riddled with bullets.

The sheep were stampeded in the timber and a large part of them slaughtered in their flight by riders. A night attack was made on the same camp ten days ago. Many sheep were killed and the men escaped shots. Rivalry over range right was the cause of the trouble.

PIPE LINES PLACED UNDER POWER OF WASHINGTON

OIL COMPANIES MUST FILE
SCHEDULES WITH WASHINGTON BOARD.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 22.—The supreme court upheld the pipe act placing all interstate oil pipe lines under interstate commerce commission regulation, as constitutional, but not applicable to United Oil company.

MISS WILSON SOON TO BECOME AN EDITOR

MADISON, Wis., June 22.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, will have charge of the section devoted to community music in the "Social Center," a magazine to be launched here soon.

ED. WHEECE, JR., FATHER OF A LIVELY SON AND HEIR

Ed. Wheece, Jr., was introduced to a son and heir late Saturday afternoon and is passing the cigars today and receiving congratulations. The mother is doing nicely. Dr. McLeod officiated.

Dr. Charles H. Baxter, resident physician of Blackwell's Island, was held in \$2,500 bail, charged with selling cocaine to prisoners.

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SECOND EXTENSION ON AURORA CON. EXPIRES IN WEEK

BIG DEAL REVIVED AFTER SECOND OPTION HAD LAPPED.

At a conference of the Knight interests with George Wingfield, president of the Goldfield Consolidated and Albert Birch, general manager of the Goldfield company, an extension until Monday, June 29, was given on the option secured by the Goldfield Consolidated to purchase the controlling interest in the Aurora Consolidated property at Aurora, Nev. The deal, it is declared, calls for a payment of close to \$1,000,000.

A thirty-day option was secured several months ago and was dropped when the Knight interests refused to grant a ten-day extension. Later another short option was granted which expired June 15. This one has been extended to June 25.

Mr. Wingfield and Mr. Birch were both in the city yesterday, says the Deseret News, to secure an extension of the option. In the matter of price it was declared there was some difference and the present option is better than \$100,000 more than the first option given.

Already the Knight interests have expended in the neighborhood of \$700,000 on the property. The new 500-ton mill erected by Kirk & Leavelle has been practically finished and will go into commission within the next week. Besides that the mine has been well opened up, at times developing as high as 100,000 tons of ore a month.

It is said the Knights will not accept the cash offer made by George Wingfield for the 80 per cent of the stock of the Aurora, although it was admitted at the offices at Provo that they had it under consideration.

While the amount has not been given out, Wingfield's cash offer is said to have been considerably less than the \$927,000 called for in the option which expired Monday last. Uncle Jesse Knight said he had about \$800,000 invested in the property and that he should have something on his investment, especially as the mine is showing up larger bodies of the \$5 ore than had been expected.

LAST SURVIVOR OF BEAR FLAG BEARERS

SUCCUMBS TO SICKNESS CAUSED BY EXCITEMENT OF A CELEBRATION.

(By Associated Press.)
SEBASTOPOL, Cal., June 22.—James McChristian, last of pioneers who raised the bear flag over California at where now Sonoma stands, died at the age of 87 today. The illness was brought about a week ago, as deceased was overtaken when he celebrated the historic event in which he played a leading role 68 years ago.

In Japan a waterproof leather is made from the hides of sea lions.

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PETITION FOR APPEAL DELAYS THE EXECUTION

An appeal having been taken and the petition for a stay of execution pending the result of the appeal having been filed with the clerk of the court, the supreme court, with an agreement with the attorney-general, today granted the application for a stay of execution in the case of Jose Salgado, sentenced to be shot at the state prison on Friday, June 26, thereby granting a respite to the murderer. Salgado murdered an Indian girl with whom he had been living at Niko.

TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday, 72; a year ago, 84.
Lowest temperature last night, 49; a year ago, 55.